

COURT of COMMON SENSE.

Feb. 16, 1756.

WHereas Gaming has been represented to us as one of the greatest Evils that ever crept into Society, and stands indicted in this Court for being the principal Source and Cause of Lying, Cursing, Swearing, Sabbath-breaking, Stealing, picking of Pockets, and cutting of Throats, to the Ruin of Families in Multitudes too great to be mentioned; we have for many Years past made it a standing Rule and Order, that no Man should be suspected of having the least Share of common Sense or common Honesty that followed any such Practice. But a Scheme and Petition having been presented to us in Favour of a certain Game, by which the Old and the Young, the Rich and the Poor, the Gentle and the Simple, may learn to read or otherwise divert themselves,

selves, so as to make Time fit easy upon their Hands; we have taken the same into our Consideration, and do hereby revoke our former Order, so far as that this said Scheme of a Game for the Benefit of Mankind may be carried into Execution. And we do order and strictly command the *Blacks* at *White's*, and all Gamesters and Gamblers whatever, to play at this Game and no other, and that the Stakes they play for be either Apples, Oranges, Almonds, Raisins, or Gingerbread Nuts.

By Order of the Court,

PETER PRUDENCE, *Secretary.*

Some DIRECTIONS for the Use of this
BOOK.

IT would be much easier to teach Children to read, were it possible to fix their Attention on the Letters, 'till they were become familiar; but the Infant Mind, ever charmed with new Objects,